

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 897

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A RESOLUTION designating February 25-March 3, 2008, as
“Peace Corps Week” in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation’s commitment to the encouragement of progress, the creation of opportunity, and the expansion of development at the grassroots level throughout the developing world; and

WHEREAS, more than 190,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 139 countries since 1961; and

WHEREAS, over the past forty-seven years, 1405 men and women from the State of Tennessee have dedicated their time and energies as members of the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in the arenas of agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities across the globe; and

WHEREAS, through their myriad goodwill efforts, Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the bonds of friendship and understanding between the citizens of this country and those of other countries; and

WHEREAS, many Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experiences in other lands, have brought to their communities in the United States a deeper understanding of foreign cultures and traditions, thereby enabling the enrichment of our own nation; and

WHEREAS, it is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its many Volunteers, both past and present, and to reaffirm this State’s commitment to helping people help themselves, all throughout the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby designate February 25-March 3, 2008, as "Peace Corps Week" in Tennessee, applaud those Peace Corps Volunteers who have given freely of themselves in service to the great cause espoused by the organization, and encourage each of this State's citizens to contemplate and acknowledge the important role played by the Peace Corps in the development of communities and countries throughout the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.